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SUBJ: INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING OF JULY 23.

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SUMMARY. DURING LAST MEETING PRIOR TO AUGUST BREAK, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE APPROVED SLICE XXV, INSTRUCTED CHAIRMAN TO REQUEST DPC TO CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING OF SHELTERS FOR REPID REACTION AIRCRAFT, AND NOTED US INTENTION TO REPLACE LOC/PORT CONCEPT WITH MR LOGAEUR CONCEPT. END SUMMARY.

1. INTERNATIONAL STAFF TABLED DRAFT REPORT ON SLICE XXV SHOWING TOTAL FOR SHAPE AND SACLANT INCLUDING 10 PCT CONTINGENCIES OF IAU 56,837,000. THESE FIGURES WERE EXCLUSIVE OF US A POSTERIORI PROJECTS IN SERIALS 37, 46 AND 47. SINCE RECOMMENDED SLICE FAR EXCEEDED THE AVAILABLE IAU 55 MILLION, CANADIAN AND NETHERLANDS REPS COULD NOT AGREE TO THE INCLUSION OF THESE DOUBTFUL PROJECTS. US REP AGREED TO THEIR EXCLUSION ON THE BASIS THAT FUTURE A POSTERIORI CASES WILL BE SIMILARLY TREATED, I.E., FUNDED ONLY AFTER ALL OTHER CANDIDATES FOR AVAILABLE FUNDS. COMMITTEE ACCEPTED REPORT AFTER NOTING THAT MILITARY COMMITTEE REPORT IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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TWO OR THREE WEEKS. FINAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE REPORT TO DPC WILL BE PUBLISHED BY 31 JULY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE SILENT APPROVAL BY MID-AUGUST. THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY DPC SILENT PROCEDURE APPROVAL LATE AUGUST OR FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. MILITARY COMMITTEE REP INDICATED NEED FOR DISCUSSION WITH US

AUTHORITIES ON FORWARD STORAGE AND WITH UK AUTHORITIES ON FINANCIAL SITUATION OF SLICE XXV BEFORE MILITARY COMMITTEE REPORT COULD BE ACCEPTED. HE BELIEVED THESE ACTIONS COULD BE TAKEN IN TIME TO PERMIT ABOVE SCHEDULE FOR DPC APPROVAL.

- 2. AT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 16 JULY, US REP HAD ASKED THE COMMITTEE FOR FINAL RULING ON ELIGIBILITY OF SHELTERS FOR RAPID REACTION FORCES. ACTION WAS TAKEN BECAUSE CANADIAN AND NETHERLANDS REPS HAD INCIDATED SOME DOUBT OF ELIGIBILITY DURING 4 JULY PAYMENTS AND PROGRESS COMMITTEE MEETING WHEN US PREFINANCED DESIGNS FOR SOME RAPID REACTION SITES. AFTER SHAPE STATEMENT INDICATING INTENTION TO PROGRAM SHELTERS FOR THIS PUR-POSE AS EARLY AS SLICE XXVII, CANADIAN REP INDICATED SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT BUT NEED FOR DEFINITION, SINCE DOCUMENT ON WHICH MINISTERIAL DECISION WAS BASED DISCUSSES BOTH M PLUS 3 FORCES AND MPLUS 30 FORCES. HE BELIEVED THAT M PLUS 3 COULD INDEED BE ACCEPTED UNDER EXPECTED FUND AVAILABILITY FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS, BUT THAT COMMITMENT TO M PLUS 30 WOULD REQUIRE DEVOTION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS. US AND SHAPE REPS NOTED THAT FACILITIES FOR M PLUS 3 FORCES, IF EARMARKED, COULD ALREADY BE CONSIDERED AS ELIGIBLE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT CHAIRMAN SHOULD WRITE LETTER TO DPC REQUESTING THAT THEY FORMALIZE THE MINISTERIAL DECISION INSOFAR AS RAPID REACTION M PLUS 3 EARMARKED FORCES WERE CONCERNED. IT IS EXPECTED THAT LETTER WILL SHORTLY BE PROPOSED FOR DPC SILENT PROCEDURE APPROVAL.
- 3. AS INSTRUCTED STATE 153720, MISSION HAD CIRCULATED LETTER ON 17 JULY WITH CHANGES TO US RELOCATION LIST AS PROVIDED BY USAREUR AND EUCOM. DURING MEETING, US REP EXPLAINED THAT, WHILE CHANGES DID NOT APPEAR TO BE SUBSTANTIVE, THE LOC/PORT CONCEPT HAD BEEN COMPLETELY REVISED. ONLY RECENTLY HAD HOST NATION COORDINATION BEEN ACHIEVED, AND CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL WAS EXPECTED SHORTLY. US WAS INFORMING THE COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF RECENT NATO REQUESTS FOR US SERVICES TO EXPEDITE FUND OBLIGATIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE RELOCATION PROGRAM. CONFIDENTIAL

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OBVIOUSLY, THE CHANGE IN CONCEPT REQUIRED NEW DESIGN AND THE LOC PORTION OF THE PROGRAM WOULD OT BE PUT UNDER CONTRACT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. US AUTHORITIES WOULD GIVE COMPLETION OF THESE PROJECTS FIRST PRIORITY.RUMSFELD

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